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SUBJECT: ALLEGED REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE
US/ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A CNA DISPATCH DATED JULY 26, WASHINGTON, WHICH WAS PROMINENTLY CARRIED BY ALL JULY 28 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS:
2. "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, IN A VERY RARE MOVE, REITERATED OVER THE WEEKEND THE U.S. MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE ROC.
3. "IN RECENT MEMORY, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD VOLUNTARILY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE DEFENSE TREATY BETWEEN TAIPEI AND WASHINGTON.
4. "KISSINGER'S REITERATION OF THE SINO-AMERICAN DEFENSE TREATY CAME DURING A WIDE-RANGING PANEL DISCUSSION THE SECRETARY HAD WITH A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS IN PORTLAND, OREGON LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.
5. "ACCORDING TO A STATE DEPARTMENT TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING, SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT TRY TO MEDIATE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEIPING, ALTHOUGH HE RESTATED THE AMERICAN POSITION FAVORING 'A PEACE-

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FUL NEGOTIATION OF THESE DIFFERENCES'. SECRETARY KISSINGER

STATED THAT THE U.S. 'WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORTS' TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE.

6. "IN KISSINGER'S ASSESSMENT, THE DISPUTE BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEIPING 'MAY TAKE A WHILE TO WORK ITSELF OUT AND IT IS A MATTER THAT WE WILL LEAVE PRIMARILY TO THE CHINESE TO NEGOTIATE...' MEANWHILE, KISSINGER REMINDED THE PANELISTS AND THE AUDIENCE: '...OF COURSE, YOU'RE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN.'

7. "FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED QUESTIONER AND KISSINGER ON CHINA:

8. "QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: WILL THE U.S. TAKE ANY ACTION TO TRY TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE PRC?"

9. " 'KISSINGER: WELL, BOTH PARTIES HAVE MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE NO STANDING IN RECONCILING THESE DIFFERENCES AND BOTH PARTIES HAVE INSISTED THAT THIS IS AN ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL CHINESE AFFAIR. WE HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT WE FAVOR A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF THESE DIFFERENCES AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORTS TO DO THIS. BUT THIS IS A MATTER THAT MAY TAKE A WHILE TO WORK ITSELF OUT AND IT IS A MATTER THAT WE WILL LEAVE PRIMARILY TO THE CHINESE TO NEGOTIATE--ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, YOU'RE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN.'

10. "IT IS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT MOTIVATED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO VOLUNTEER THE FACT THAT THE U.S. HAS A DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE ROC. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS VIEWED THE FACT AS 'INTERESTING AND SIGNIFICANT' THAT KISSINGER HIMSELF 'BROUGHT THE SUBJECT UP.' "

11. IN VIEW OF THE PROMINENT PLAY WHICH THE LOCAL PRESS ACCORDED TO THIS DISPATCH AND ITS APPARENTLY FAVORABLE INTERPREZ TION OF THE SECRETARY'S ALLEGED REMARKS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT CONFIRMUION OF THE TEXT OF THE TRANSCRIPT AS QUOTED ABOVE AS WELL EM ANY GUIDANCE YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY PRESS OR OTHERS

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